

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JOSEPH (JOE) TROPILA**, on January 11, 2005 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 422 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila, Chairman (D)
Sen. Keith Bales (R)
Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)
Sen. Lane L. Larson (D)
Sen. Don Ryan (D)
Sen. Bill Tash (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Chris Lohse, Legislative Branch
Annie Glover, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 47, 1/6/2005; SB 63, 1/6/2005;
SB 77, 1/6/2005; SB 126, 1/6/2005
Executive Action: SB 47, SB 77

00:01:16

HEARING ON SB 47

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. RICK LAIBLE (R), SD 44, opened the hearing on SB 47, Add domestic pets to protection from predators. Turned over to SEN. JIM SHOCKLEY (R), SD 45, VICTOR

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

00:04:17

Informational Testimony:

Mr. Jeff Hagener, Fish Wildlife and Parks

[EXHIBIT](#)(fis07a01)

00:05:25

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

Question referred to Mr. John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau

Closing by Sponsor:

00:11:19

HEARING ON SB 63

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. RICK LAIBLE (R), SD 44, opened the hearing on SB 63, Penalty for not claiming processed game animals.

[EXHIBIT](#)(fis07a02)

00:16:59

Proponents' Testimony:

Mr. Jeff Hagener Director, Director, Fish Wildlife and Parks

[EXHIBIT](#)(fis07a03)

Mr. Moe Sepka Good Samaritan Ministries

Ms. Ann Waickman Director of Helena Food Share

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

00:22:30

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

Question referred to Mr. Ron Jenero, Enforcement Division, Fish Wildlife and Parks

00:42:41

Closing by Sponsor:

00:43:18

HEARING ON SB 77

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. KEN (KIM) HANSEN (D), SD 17, opened the hearing on SB 77, Remove sunset on hunting access enhancement & hunter management programs.

00:48:45

Proponents' Testimony:

REP. MICHAEL LANGE (R), HD 55, BILLINGS

Mr. Jeff Hagener, Director Fish Wildlife and Parks

EXHIBIT(fis07a04)

Mr. John Youngberg, MT Farm Bureau Association

Mr. Dan Walker, PLPW Committee: Fish and Game Commission

Mr. Jack Rich, Guest Ranch Owner

Mr. Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers

Mr. Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association

Mr. Robert Throssell, Montana Wildlife Federation

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

01:00:08

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

Referred to Mr. Alan Charles, Fish Wildlife and Parks

Closing by Sponsor:

01:05:37

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 77

Motion/Vote: SEN. TASH moved that SB 77 DO PASS. Motion carried unanimously.

01:05:53

HEARING ON SB 126

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. JOHN BRUEGGEMAN (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SB 126, Revise boating registration laws.

01:07:53

Proponents' Testimony:

Mr. Jeff Hagener, Director, Fish Wildlife and Parks

EXHIBIT(fis07a05)

Ms. Kathy Dieter-Fraser, Owner, Yacht Basin Marina

Mr. Dean Culwell, Montana Boater

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

01:16:11

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

Closing by Sponsor:

02:05:12

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 47

Motion/Vote: SEN. LARSON moved that SB 47 DO PASS. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:40 P.M.

SEN. JOSEPH (JOE) TROPILA, Chairman

ANNIE GLOVER, Secretary

JT/AG

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([fis07aad0.PDF](#))